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# Media Guide

Women's EHF Champions League  
Season 2014/15  
Qualification Draw

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# Pots ready for qualification and group matches draws

After the EHF Executive decided on the teams taking part in the Women's EHF Champions League in the 2014/15 season last Friday, seedings of teams both for the qualification and the group matches draw have been released.

The qualification draw will take place on Thursday, 26 June 2014 at 14:00 hrs at the EHF Office in Vienna, the group matches draw will follow on Friday, 27 June 2014 at 18:00 hrs at the Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf in Vienna.

## Two tickets from the qualification

The qualification will be played on 20 and 21 September in two tournaments, winners of which will be awarded with places in the group matches.

The matches from each tournament will be played in one venue with two semi-finals, where teams from Pot 4 will meet teams from Pot 1 and teams from Pot 3 will face teams from Pot 2, followed by finals. The pairings and the right to organise tournaments will be drawn on 26 June.

Pot 1: FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN), FC Midtjylland (DEN)  
Pot 2: Byasen Trondheim (NOR), HC Leipzig (GER)  
Pot 3: HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO), HC BNTU-BelAZ Minsk (BLR)  
Pot 4: Sercodak/Dalfsen (NED), ZRK Radnicki Kragujevac (SRB)

## Defending champions in Pot 1

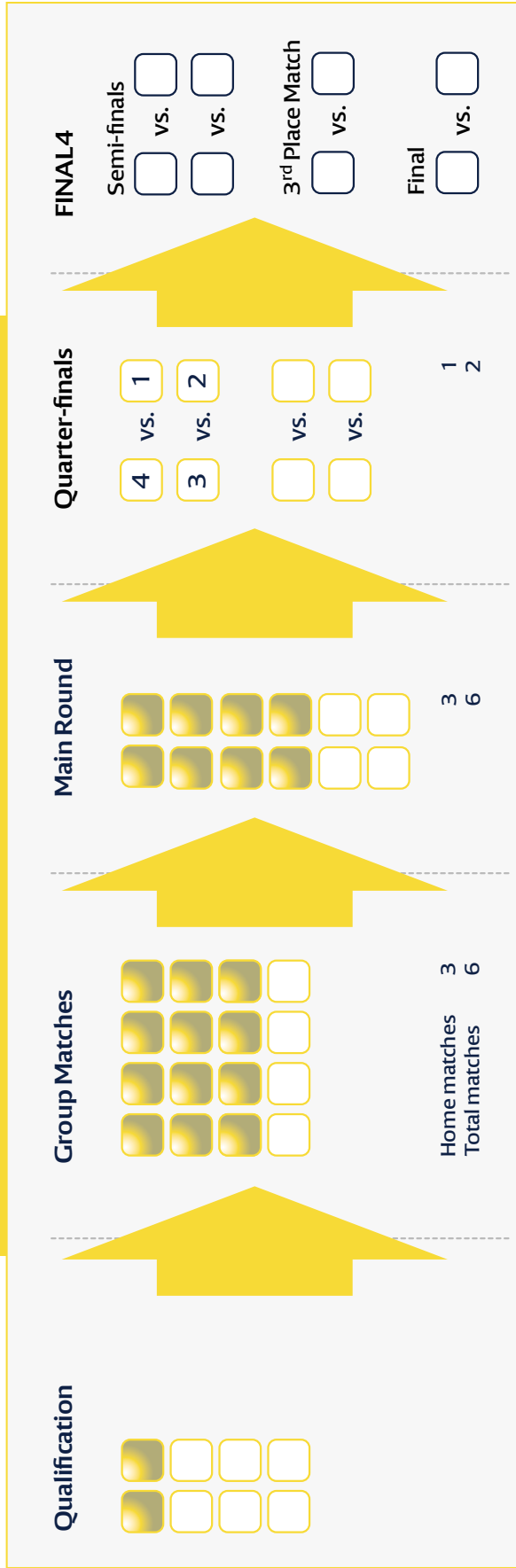
The group matches draw will follow one day after the qualification draw. 14 directly seeded teams plus two qualification groups' winners will be divided in four pots with four teams in each pot. Teams will not be able to face opponents from the same country in the group.

Pot 1: Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN), WHC Buducnost (MNE), Larvik HK (NOR), RK Krim Ljubljana (SLO)  
Pot 2: Viborg HK (DEN), HCM Baia Mare (ROU), Thüringer HC (GER), Dinamo-Sinara Volgograd (RUS)  
Pot 3: WHC Vardar SCBT (MKD), Metz Handball (FRA), Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT), RK Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)  
Pot 4: IK Sävehof (SWE), MKS Selgros Lublin (POL), winner of Qualification Group 1, winner of Qualification Group 2

## Additional round to be introduced

The new playing system will see the reduction of the number of qualification rounds from two to one and the creation of a new Main Round following the Group Phase, which will remain in the same format of four groups with four teams each. From the Group Phase, three teams from each group will qualify for the new Main Round and the fourth ranked team will play in the Last 16 of the EHF Cup Winners' Cup. Following the new Main Round quarter-finals will be played on a knock-out home and away basis with the four winners qualifying for the Women's EHF FINAL4.

Women's EHF Champions League 2014/15 playing system




Season 2014/15 playing dates

Qualification	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarter-finals	FINAL4
8 teams	17.-19.10.2014 24.-26.10.2014 31.10.-02.11.2014 07.-09.11.2014 14.-16.11.2014 21.-23.11.2014	30.01.-01.02.2015 06.-08.02.2015 13.-15.02.2015 27.02.-01.03.2015 06.-08.03.2015 13.-15.03.2015	first leg 04.-05.04.2015 second leg 11.-12.04.2015	09./10.05.2015

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 NATION	Qualification Tournaments	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarterfinals	FINAL4
	Tournaments	4 groups with 4 teams	12 teams	8 teams	4 teams
	20./21.09.2014 tournaments played in semi finals and finals	17.-19.10.2014 (1) 24.-26.10.2014 (2) 31.10.-02.11.2014 (3) 07.-09.11.2014 (4) 14.-16.11.2014 (5) 21.-23.11.2014 (6)	30.01-01.02.2015 (1) 06.-08.02.2015 (2) 13.-15.02.2015 (3) 27.02.-01.03.2015 (4) 06.-08.03.2015 (5) 13.-15.03.2015 (6)	03.-05.04.2015 first leg 10.-12.04.2015 second leg	09./10.05.2015 tournament
<b>DRAWS:</b>	26 June 2014 in Vienna	27 June 2014 in Vienna	no draw	no draw	14 April 2015
1 HUN 1		Györi Audi ETO KC	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed team from each group	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round	4 Winners of WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Quarterfinals
2 MNE 1					
3 NOR 1					
4 SLO 1					
5 DEN 1					
6 ROU 1					
7 GER 1					
8 RUS 1					
9 MKD 1					
10 FRA 1					
11 AUT 1					
12 CRO 1					
13 SWE 1					
14 POL 1					
15 HUN 2	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria	Winners of the 2 Qualification tournaments			
16 DEN 2	FC Midtjylland				
17 NOR 2	Byasen Trondheim				
18 GER 2	HC Leipzig				
19 CRO 2	HC Podravka Vegeta				
20 BLR 1	HC BNTU-BELAZ Minsk				
21 NED 1	Sercodak/Dalfsen				
22 SRB 1	ZRK Radnicki Kragujevac				

2 groups with 4 teams

4th placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to the Cup Winners' Cup Rd 2, 2nd and 3rd placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to the Cup Winners' Cup Rd 3

## POT 1

## FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)



Ferencvaros did their best to keep in touch with Women's EHF Champions League winners Győr during the season and managed to finish second in the league, just two points behind their traditional rivals.

Neither side had much to worry about in the semi-finals and set up two more encounters in the final. Győr did the damage in the first leg at Ferencvaros with a 32:25 win and wrapped it up thanks to a 30:25 win at home, consigning FTC to another qualification battle to reach Europe's elite competition.

They were successful in their qualification bid last season, overcoming domestic rivals Erd to earn a place in the group matches, where they finished third behind eventual MVM EHF FINAL4 participants FC Midtjylland and Buducnost. They moved on to the Cup Winners' Cup but that run was short-lived, ending with a quarter-final exit at the hands of Viborg.



## Playing hall

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Goalkeeper shirt: white/red

## Dark

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Player short: green  
Goalkeeper shirt: blue/black

## Past achievements

## Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 15  
Runners-up: 2001/02  
Semi-finals: 1996/97, 2000/01  
Quarter-finals: 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04  
Main Round: 2012/13  
Group Matches/Champions League: 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14  
Qualification: 2009/10

## Other

EHF Cup: Winners: 2005/06, Semi-finals: 2004/05

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2010/11, 2011/12, Semi-finals: 2006/07

Hungarian league: 11 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2007)  
Hungarian cup: 12 titles

## POT 1

## FC Midtjylland (DEN)



FC Midtjylland made it to the MVM EHF FINAL4, but they were not able to defend their Danish championship from last season.

The final was as far as the team under the only female coach in the Danish league Helle Thomsen could go this time around.

In the two-legged final, Viborg HK proved to be slightly too tough an opponent, just as they had been in the cup final.

However, it took two close matches before FC Midtjylland were defeated. They started by winning their home game 25:23, but Viborg's 24:21 victory at home in the second leg was exactly enough for a 47:46 aggregate win.



## Playing hall

## Ikast-Brande Arena

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Capacity: 2,250

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Goalkeeper shirt: Blue/Red/Yellow

## Dark

Player shirt: Heather Coloured  
Player short: Heather Coloured  
Goalkeeper shirt: Blue/Red/Yellow

## Past achievements

## Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 7

Semi-final: 2002/03, 2013/14

Quarter-final: 1998/99, 2004/05

Main Round: 2003/04, 2008/09, 2011/12

Group Matches: 2003/04

## Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2003/04, Semi-finals 1999/2000

EHF Cup: Winners 2001/02, 2010/11, Runners-up 2006/07, Semi-finals 2007/08, 2012/13

City Cup: Winners 1997/98, Runners-up 1996/97, Semi-finals 1994/95

Danish league: 3 titles  
(1998, 2011, 2013)

Danish cup: 5 titles



## POT 2

## Byasen Trondheim (NOR)



Before taking over as new head coach in Byasen, the Dane Claus Mogensen predicted that the Trondheim team would be runners-up behind Larvik HK once again.

And this was exactly the way it turned out. Byasen came in second behind the untouchable Larvik. This was the case in the league, in which the official Norwegian champions was found and later on in the playoffs which have no significance to the title in Norway, but which was also won by Larvik ahead of Byasen.

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**Dark**

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Player short: blue  
Goalkeeper shirt: black

**Past achievements**

Women's EHF Champions League  
Participations (including 2014/15  
season): 12

Quarter-finals (2): 1996/97, 1998/99

Group Matches (4): 2005/06, 2006/07,  
2009/10, 2010/12

Qualification (4): 2007/08, 2008/09,  
2010/11, 2012/13, 2013/14

**Other**

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2006/07,  
Semi-final 1995/96, Quarter-final  
2009/10, 2011/12

EHF Cup: Quarter-final 1997/98,  
2000/01, 2007/08, 2008/09

City Cup: Semi-final 1999/00

Norwegian league: 5 titles (1987, 1988,  
1990, 1996, 1998)

Norwegian cup winners: 3 titles

## POT 2

## HC Leipzig (GER)



Long before the end of the championship series, which consists of the best six teams from the Bundesliga, it was a fact that HC Leipzig were going to finish second behind Thüringer HC once again.

With two match days left, Leipzig were already ten points behind THC, and a 39:31 defeat to the Thüringer team in the last match of the season reminded the Leipzig ladies of their position as Germany's number two, 14 points adrift of their rivals at the end.

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Goalkeeper shirt: red or violet

**Dark**

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Player short: black  
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

**Past achievements****Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 11  
Main Round (2): 2009/10, 2010/11  
Group Matches/Champions League (4): 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2013/14  
Qualification (3): 2000/01, 2008/09, 2012/13

**Other**

Cup Winners' Cup: Finalist 1996/97, Semi-finalist 2011/12  
EHF Cup: Runners-up 2008/09, Semi-finals 2004/05

German league: 21 titles (1953, 1957, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2010)

German cup: 8 titles

## POT 3

## HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)



The ten-year long reign of Podravka on the Croatian throne came to the end last season after the defending champions failed to earn a single win against Lokomotiva Zagreb. Podravka lost both games in the main round of the Croatian league and in the regional WRHL they managed only to draw Lokomotiva in the home game and lost the away encounter too.

While finishing four points behind Zagreb in the domestic competition they ranked fifth in the WRHL, 12 points below the winners Buducnost. The new season will mark a return of the captain Miranda Tatari after she spent one season at Russian club Astrakhanochka.

**Playing hall****Sport Hall Fran Galović**

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**Past achievements****Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 21

Winners: 1995/96

Finals: 1994/95

Semi-finals: 1997/98

Quarter-finals: 1996/97

Main Round: 2000/01, 2001/02,  
2008/09

Group Phase/Champions League:  
1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2002/03,  
2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11,  
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14  
Qualification: 2003/04, 2005/06

**Other**

Cup Winners Cup: Runners-up: 2004/05,

Semi-finals: 2007/08

EHF Cup: Finals 2000/01, 2005/06

Croatian league: 20 titles

Croatian cup: 19 titles

**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: red/white

Player short: red

Goalkeeper shirt: orange/yellow

**Dark**

Player shirt: blue

Player short: blue/black

Goalkeeper shirt: black

## POT 3

## HC BNTU-BelAZ Minsk (BLR)



BNTU-BelAZ have kept the league title of Belarus safe in their hands since 2009 and this season was no different.

The absolute domination of this team started from the very beginning as they help top spot after the first phase of the championship.

The second phase saw the top four teams proceeded and once more BNTU-BelAZ proved their domination by winning 14 matches from 18, while 3 defeats and one draw did little to threaten their place at the top ahead of biggest rival Gomel.

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Player short: black/white  
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow/blue

**Past achievements****Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 16

Last 16 (2): 1993/94, 1995/96

Last 32 (5): 1994/95, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00

Qualification (7): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08

**Other**

EHF Cup: Round 4 2000/01

Belarusian league: 21 titles (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Belarusian cup winners: 6 titles under current name

## POT 4

## SERCODAK/Dalfsen (NED)



For the fourth year in succession, the women from SERCODAK/Dalfsen won the Dutch championship.

The Dalfsen ladies let no doubt, as to who were the handball queens of the Netherlands, as they faced Schoonmaak/VOC Amsterdam in the finals. In the Netherlands, the finals are played best of three, but a third match never became necessary.

In the first match Dalfsen made the difference between the two sides clear, winning the match as 35:21. In the return match in Amsterdam, the difference became even bigger. After a 15:6 lead at half-time, Dalfsen cruised to a 33:16 victory, taking the title with the impressive aggregate score of 68:37.

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Netherlands  
Capacity: 1,150

**Past achievements****Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 4

Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

**Other**

Challenge Cup: Quarter-final 2009/10,  
Last 16 2010/11

Dutch league: 4 titles (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Dutch cup winners: 3 titles

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**Dark**

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Player short: black  
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

## POT 4

## WHC Radnicki Kragujevac (SRB)



A tightly-contested battle for the title of Serbian champions saw the deciding match played between WHC Radnički Kragujevac and ŽORK Jagodina in the penultimate round of the championship.

It was WHC Radnički Kragujevac who took a home victory 24:22, subsequently recording a routine victory against Kikinda 32:23, to put an end to a four-year reign of RK Zaječar.

It is the first Serbian Handball Super League title for WHC Radnički Kragujevac, who will look to secure qualification to the Women's EHF Champions League, to add to the most successful season in the club's history.



## Playing hall\*

## Sport Centar Mladost Jezero

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34000 Kragujevac  
Serbia  
Capacity: 1,100

*\*to be confirmed*

## Past achievements

## Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 1

## Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2012/13

Serbian league: 1 title (2014)  
Serbian cup: 2 titles

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## Women's EHF Champions League Past Winners

1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1997	Mar El Osito L'Eliaana Valencia	ESP
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunaferr SE	HUN
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts	SLO
2002	Kometal D.P. Skopje	MKD
2003	Krim ETA Kotex Ljubljana	SLO
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2013	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2014	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN

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